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FRUITS AND NUTS

SOUTH CAROLINA had 700 bearing acres of **apple** trees which produced 4 million pounds of fruit, down from the 6 million pounds in 2004. The value of the 2.5 million pounds of utilized production was \$430,000 compared with \$323,000 the previous year.

Based on end of season data, South Carolina's 14,000 bearing acres of **peach** trees produced 75,000 tons of fruit, up 5 thousand tons from 2004's production. The state's utilized production of 45,000 tons sold for an

average of \$703 a ton, resulting in a value of production of \$31,641,000.

South Carolina's 2005 **pecan** crop had 2.50 million pounds of utilized production with a value of production of \$3,050,000 up from \$1,860,000 in 2004.

APPLES AND PEACHES: Acreage, Production, and Value, Selected States, 2004 and 2005

State	Bearing Acreage		Yield per Acre		Total Production		Utilized Production		Price per Unit		Value of Utilized Production		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
APPLES	Acres		Pounds		Million Pounds		Cents/Lb.		Thou. Dols.				
	GA	1,200	1,300	10,000	10,800	12.0	14.0	12.0	14.0	0.228	0.236	2,740	3,310
	NY	45,000	45,000	28,400	23,100	1,280.0	1,040.0	1,280.0	1,020.0	0.151	0.183	193,560	186,95
	NC	7,000	6,800	22,100	21,300	155.0	145.0	132.0	135.0	0.132	0.126	17,420	17,064
	SC	1,000	700	6,000	5,710	6.0	4.0	3.0	2.5	0.108	0.172	323	430
	WA	155,000	155,000	39,700	37,400	6,150.0	5,800.0	6,150.0	5,800.0	0.160	0.190	986,215	1,103,4
	US	385,560	381,160	27,100	25,900	10,450.6	9,869.6	10,371.3	9,779.1	0.159	0.183	1,647,98	1,786,6
PEACHES	Acres		Tons		Tons		Dols./Ton		Thou. Dols				
	CA*	37,000	36,000	11.80	10.70	436,000	385,000	390,000	385,000	281.0	408.0	109,760	157,04
	GA	12,000	11,500	4.38	3.48	52,500	40,000	49,500	37,000	667.0	743.0	33,017	27,476
	NC	1,200	1,200	2.92	5.00	3,500	6,000	3,500	6,000	840.0	850.0	2,940	5,100
	SC	14,500	14,000	4.83	5.36	70,000	75,000	55,000	45,000	557.0	703.0	30,623	31,641
	US	146,170	140,360	8.94	8.43	1,307,110	1,182,600	1,229,800	1,143,150	375.0	446.0	461,629	509,74

*Freestone

ALL PECANS: Utilized Production, Price, and Value, Selected States, 2003 - 2005

Selected States	Utilized Production			Price per Pound			Value of Production		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	Thou. Lbs.			Dollars			Thou. Dollars		
AL	8,000	1,100	4,000	0.909	1.180	0.990	7,270	1,294	3,960
GA	75,000	45,000	70,000	0.928	1.730	1.230	69,600	78,060	86,000
N C	2,500	100	1,700	0.808	1.850	0.874	2,020	185	1,485
S C	4,500	1,100	2,500	0.815	1.690	1.220	3,669	1,860	3,050
U S	282,100	185,800	259,600	984	1,760	1,540	277,629	326,924	400,441

VEGETABLES

SOUTH CAROLINA'S harvested fresh market vegetable and melon acreage for 6 major crops totaled 14,900 for the 2005 crop year. Total acreage was down 6 percent from 2004's acreage of 15,900. Fresh market snap beans acreage for harvest was estimated at 1,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Harvested acreage for fresh market cucumbers was 1,700 acres, down 15 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage of fresh market tomatoes at 3,000 acres was down 14 percent from the 2004 acreage. Harvested acreage for cantaloups was 1,100 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Squash harvested acreage was 1,100 acres, down 15 percent from the previous year. Watermelon acreage for harvest was set at 7,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. South Carolina's contracted cucumbers for pickles acreage for 2005 was set at 4,100 harvested acres, up 3 percent from previous estimates in 2004 and 2003.

For the 2005 crop year, South Carolina was ranked in the top 10 in the total production of the following vegetables: 8th

in fresh market tomatoes, 6th in watermelons, 7th in cantaloups, and 9th in cucumbers.

UNITED STATES fresh market vegetable and melon production for the 24 selected crops estimated in 2005 totaled 473 million hundredweight, down 2 percent from 2004's comparable States. Harvested area covered 1.94 million acres, down less than 1 percent from comparable States in 2004. Value of the 2005 crop is estimated at 9.82 billion dollars, up 1 percent from comparable States a year earlier. The three largest crops, in terms of production, are onions, head lettuce, and tomatoes, which combined to account for 37 percent of the total production. Tomatoes, head lettuce, and onions claim the highest values, accounting for 36 percent of the total value when combined. For the 24 selected vegetables and melons estimated in 2005, California continues to be the leading fresh market State, accounting for 44 percent of the harvested area, 48 percent of production, and 47 percent of the value.

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value, South Carolina, 2003-2005

Vegetables	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	Acres Planted			Acres Harvested		
Cantaloups	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,100
Cucumbers	2,100	2,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,700
Cucumbers/Pickles	4,500	4,200	4,800	4,000	4,000	4,100
Snap Beans	1,600	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,000	1,000
Squash	1,200	1,400	1,200	1,100	1,300	1,100
Tomatoes	3,400	3,600	3,200	3,300	3,500	3,000
Watermelons	8,500	8,000	7,500	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Yield per Acre (Cwt.) 1/			Production (Thou Cwt.) 1/		
Cantaloups	120	140	80	144	154	88
Cucumbers	110	120	70	209	240	119
Cucumbers/Pickles 1/	4.60	5.70	3.50	18,400	22,800	14,350
Snap Beans	40	60	30	52	60	30
Squash	120	110	62	132	142	68
Tomatoes	310	300	130	1023	1,050	390
Watermelons	170	210	110	1,190	1,470	770
	Value per Cwt. (Dollars) 1/			Total Value (Thou. Dollars) 1/		
Cantaloups	12.00	12.50	17.00	1,728	1,925	1,496
Cucumbers	25.90	23.00	21.00	5,413	5,520	2,499
Cucumbers/Pickles 1/	239.00	220.00	222.00	4,398	5,016	3,186
Snap Beans	49.00	45.00	40.00	2,548	2,700	1,200
Squash	32.00	27.60	21.50	4,224	3,918	1,460
Tomatoes	31.50	26.50	36.10	32,225	27,825	14,079
Watermelons	6.50	5.00	9.00	7,735	7,350	6,930

1/ Cucumbers for Pickles Yield and Production in Tons; Value in Dollars per Ton .

COTTON GINNINGS

Prior to January 15; Crop Years 2002-2005; Selected States

Selected States	Running Bales Ginned			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Florida	66,000	121,150	92,800	111,950
Georgia	1,527,150	2,024,500	1,743,900	2,073,800
Mississippi	1,873,850	2,058,000	2,271,800	2,089,300
North Carolina	773,350	1,006,400	1,319,550	1,367,750
South Carolina	121,200	307,650	367,950	3,838,000
Texas	4,824,150	4,150,900	5,636,050	6,788,050
United States	16,285,000	17,408,650	20,154,700	21,400,250

PRICES RECEIVED by Farmers and Parity Prices, January 15, 2006, with Comparisons

Commodity Unit	South Carolina			United States			U.S. Parity Price Based on Data for	
	January 2005	December 2005	Jan15 2006	January 2005	December 2005	Jan 15 2006	January 2005	January 2006
Crops								
Corn \$/bu.	*	*	*	2.12	1.92	1.92	6.55	7.66
Cotton 1/ \$/lb.	*	*	*	0.385	0.479	0.479	1.95	2.25
Cottonseed \$/ton	*	*	*	114.00	95.10	102.00	273.00	296.00
Hay, baled 5/ . . . \$/ton	*	*	*	87.80	92.00	91.20	--	--
Oats \$/bu.	*	*	*	1.64	1.73	1.67	3.82	4.25
Peanuts \$/lb.	*	*	*	0.189	0.177	0.176	0.640	0.666
Sorghum Grain . \$/cwt.	*	*	*	2.95	2.91	3.15	10.70	11.90
Soybeans \$/bu.	*	*	*	5.57	5.77	5.51	15.40	16.90
Tobacco \$/lb.	--	--	--	2.135	--	--	4.48	--
Tomatoes \$/cwt.	--	--	--	15.40	96.80	100.00	--	--
Wheat, All \$/bu.	*	*	*	3.43	3.54	3.48	9.75	10.30
Peaches \$/lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Livestock:								
Calves \$/cwt.	*	*	*	125.00	134.00	137.00	221.00	264.00
Cattle, Beef \$/cwt.	*	*	*	89.40	93.60	94.40	165.00	190.00
Hogs, All \$/cwt.	*	*	*	53.20	44.30	41.60	102.00	115.00
Sows \$/cwt.	*	*	*	45.60	38.10	35.70	--	--
Barrows and Gilts \$/cwt.	*	*	*	53.50	44.50	41.90	--	--
Broilers \$/lb.	*	*	*	0.430	0.390	0.380	--	--
Eggs, All 2/4/ . . \$/Doz.	*	*	*	0.526	0.636	0.570	0.526	0.570
Eggs, Mkt 3/4/ . \$/Doz.	0.800	0.480	0.350	0.373	0.564	0.438	1.64	1.75
Turkeys \$/lb.	*	*	*	0.393	0.543	0.408	0.990	1.080

* Only season average price published. 1/ Prices based on 480 pound net weight bale. 2/ The All Egg price represents sales to hatcheries, retailers, wholesalers, and grading and packing plants. 3/ The Market Egg price represents sales to retailers, wholesalers, and grading and packing plants. 4/ Mid-month price.

EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 113 million **eggs** during December, down 8 percent from the previous year. The number of **layers** averaged 4,999,000 birds, down 6 percent below the 5,332,000 birds a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,265 eggs, compared with 2,307 in December 2004.

HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE, December 2005

Selected States	Average No. Of Eggs	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,013	172	1,908
Florida	11,511	264	2,293
Georgia	19,156	408	2,130
North Carolina	10,959	221	2,017
South Carolina	4,999	113	2,265
United States	348,300	7,791	2,237

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of December, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.5 million chicks, up 10 percent from the previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	December	Jan - Dec 2005
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	18,537	217,750
United States	807,848	9,472,888
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	36,224	436,339

FARM NUMBERS

The number of farms in **SOUTH CAROLINA** in 2005 is estimated at 24,300, down 100 from 2004 and 2003. Total land in farms for 2005 is 4.84 million acres, down 10,000 from 2004 and 2003. The average size of farms in 2005 was 199 acres, unchanged from 2004 and 2003. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 1,800 in 2005, accounting for 7.4 percent of all farms.

The number of farms in the **UNITED STATES** in 2005

is estimated at 2.1 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2004. Total land in farms, at 933.4 million acres, decreased 2.9 million acres, or 0.3 percent, from 2004. The average farm size was 444 acres during 2005, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

ALL CATTLE AND CALVES

Number by Class and Calf Crop, Selected States, January 1, 2005 - 2006

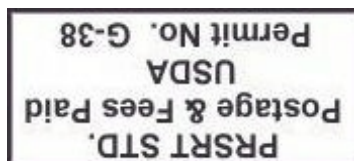
Selected States	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows that have Calved		Milk Cows that have Calved		Heifers 500 Pounds and Over		Calf Crop	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2004	2005
	----- 1,000 Head -----									
Florida	1,710	1,690	932	926	138	134	205	200	900	880
Georgia	1,210	1,180	596	592	84	78	141	135	560	550
North Carolina	870	860	400	384	55	52	120	120	410	400
South Carolina	435	415	222	213	18	17	60	56	195	185
Texas	13,700	14,100	5,432	5,475	318	325	2,440	2,650	5,000	5,150
United States	95,438.0	97,101.5	32,915.4	33,253.0	9,005.0	9,058.4	19,572.6	19,977.9	37,505.4	37,780.1

GOATS:

Number by Class, Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat Goats	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	----- Head -----					
California	3,000	3,000	30,000	31,000	75,000	80,000
Florida	1/	1/	3,500	2,900	51,500	55,000
Georgia	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	88,500	95,000
North Carolina	1/	1/	7,000	4,000	59,000	60,000
South Carolina	1/	1/	3,000	3,500	41,000	44,000
Texas	210,000	210,000	30,000	30,000	1,030,000	1,080,000
United States	280,000	278,000	285,000	288,000	2,150,000	2,260,000

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